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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
on Tuesday, 14 March 2000, at 10.15 a.m.

President: Mr. Syargei Mikhnevich (Belarus)

The PRESIDENT: I declare open the 846th plenary meeting of the Conference.

As you are aware, the head of our delegation, the First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sergei Martynov, cannot be with us today owing to other pressing matters and he has requested me to preside over this plenary meeting, the first during the term of office of Belarus. Ambassador Martynov will have the opportunity at the next plenary meeting to give his view of the processes under way in the Conference and to make some opening remarks.

I should like, however, to say how grateful we are to Ambassador Chowdhury of Bangladesh for his untiring efforts over the last four weeks to ensure that the Conference embarked on its substantive work. It goes without saying that, during its presidency of the Conference, our delegation will build on the work of our predecessors, and I am sure that we can count on the cooperation and support of all delegations in the discharge of our responsibilities.

There is no speaker inscribed on my list for today. Does any delegation wish to take the floor at this stage?

There being none, this concludes our business for today. The next plenary meeting of the Conference will be held on Thursday, 23 March 2000, at 10 a.m.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.